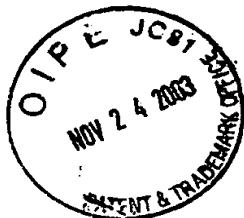


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Official Communication dated June 6, 2003 for three (3) months from September 6, 2003 to December 6, 2003. An amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

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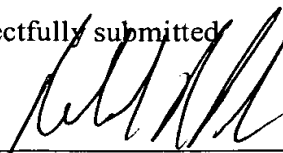
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